

House Resolution No. 4099

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Benjamin Robert Lewis lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Janet Evelyn Hilgedick, during a solemn ceremony on August 14, 1955, at Higginsville Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Benjamin and Janet Lewis have had the pleasure of raising three children, Margaret Ann Thurmon, David Vincent Lewis, and Sara Lynn Gibson, and the privilege of spoiling seven grandchildren; and

Whereas, Benjamin Lewis has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a lifetime farmer, serving as an elder at Corder Presbyterian Church, and being a member of Masonic Lodge 364, the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 477, the Lafayette County Democratic Club, the Lafayette County Shrine Club, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans Shelby Camp; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Janet Lewis has further distinguished herself by retiring after twenty years of service as Secretary for Missouri Valley Human Resources and being a member of the Corder Presbyterian Church, the Lafayette County Democratic Club, the Order of the Eastern Star, and Preceptor Delta Xi of Beta Sigma Phi; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Benjamin and Janet Lewis have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Corder, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on August 13, 2005, at the VFW in Corder:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Benjamin and Janet Lewis and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Robert Lewis.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Aull
District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4099, adopted July 27, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker